

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

WHIP Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WHIP Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the applicant to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Address and support one of the following priorities: Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI), North American Waterfowl Management Plan, National Fish Habitat Action Plan, Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy, State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies (also referred to as the State Wildlife Action Plans), Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, Restoration of Longleaf Pine Forests	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Provide mudflats/shallow water habitat by pumping water for early migrating shorebirds and waterfowl between July 15 - September 1	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Provide mudflats/shallow water habitat by pumping water for migrating/overwintering shorebirds and waterfowl after September 1 but no later than November 15	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Provide mudflats/shallow water habitat on harvested or standing cropland through February 15 - March 1	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Provide mudflats/shallow water habitat on moist soils, abandoned catfish ponds, and/or other native wetland habitats through April 1 - May 1	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will you be drawing down a production catfish pond to provide 2 inches of water for shorebirds and other migratory waterfowl for at least four months before it is refilled by pumping water?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is native vegetation and/or moist soils habitat being flooded by pumping water between July 15 - September 1?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is harvested or standing cropland being flooded by pumping water immediately after harvest but no later than	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

November 15?	
4. Will natural vegetative habitat be disked and flooded to create mudflats?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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